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CADILLAC DISTRICT OFFICE



RUSSELL J. HARDING
DIRECTOR

August 22, 2002

Mr. Chris Hubbell
Williamsburg Receiving & Storage
10190 Munro Road
Williamsburg, Michigan 49690

Dear Mr. Hubbell:



SUBJECT: Water in Ditch along Munro Road

This letter is to follow up on the August 19, 2002, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff site visit. During the walk-through, you indicated the walls of the sump area were leaking. This leak may be seeping into the ditch along Munro Road. This area of the ditch with standing water has had the presence of water throughout this entire summer. The District office is requesting that you sample this water in the ditch and compare with the water in the leaky sump. A minimum sample should include Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), Total Phosphorus, and Chloride. Williamsburg Receiving and Storage is responsible for maintaining both its wastewater and storm water.

Please be advised that the discharge pipes along the paved brine pits should not discharge anything but storm water. Staff informed you that any brine that mixes with storm water will increase the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and/or contaminate your groundwater.

The Cadillac District Staff noted the aerators were placed in the lagoon to help control odors, and the "frac" tanks and trash compactor were both located inside storage building B to help with storm water runoff. In addition, you stated that the brine pits just north of building B will be filled in.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Sandy Beckwith, Whitewater Township
Ms. Janice Heuer, WMD